

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Renewal of Sacramento River Settlement Contracts

As noticed in the Federal Register on July 19, 2001, Reclamation is beginning the public scoping process for renewal of long-term contracts with the entities and individuals who divert water from the Sacramento River under contract with the United States. The scoping process will be held to solicit comments from interested parties to assist in determining the scope of the environmental analysis and to identify the significant issues.

The contracts of these entities and individuals, known as the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, provide for diversion of water referred to as Base Supply which is diverted free of charge, and provide Project Water supply from the Central Valley Project for which payment is required. The current contracts expire on March 31, 2004.

Three public scoping meetings have been schedule as follows:

| In Tracy | In Concord | In Red Bluff |
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| Monday, August 6, 2001 | Tuesday, August 7, 2001 | Wednesday, August 8, 2001 |
| 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. | 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. | 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. |
| VFW | Concord Hilton | Community/Senior Center |
| 430 West Grant Line Road | 1970 Diamond Boulevard | 1500 South Jackson Street |
| | Gold Gate Room | |

Written comments on the scope of the environmental documentation should be submitted by August 27, 2001, to Buford Holt, Environmental Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, Northern California Area Office, 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard, Shasta Lake, CA 96019. Written comments on the contracts should be sent to Donald Bultema, Chief Operation and Maintenance Division, PO Box 988, Willows CA 95988-0988. To reach Buford Holt call 530/275-1554 or e-mail bholt@mp.usbr.gov. To reach Don Bultema call 530/934-1361 or e-mail dbultema@mp.usbr.gov. For additional information contact Sam Cervantes, Public Affairs Specialist at 916/978-5104 or e-mail scervantes@mp.usbr.gov.